

35.—Marriages and Marriage Rates, by Provinces, together with Percentage Distribution of Grooms and Brides by Nativity, 1944-46, with Five-Year Averages, 1936-45—concluded.

Province and Year	Marriages		Percentage Distribution of Grooms and Brides, by Nativity						
	Total	Rate per 1,000 Population	Born in Province of Residence		Born in Other Provinces		Born Outside Canada		
			Grooms	Brides	Grooms	Brides	Grooms	Brides	
	No.		p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	
Ontario.....	Av. 1936-40	32,719	8.9	81.3	84.0	4.9	5.4	13.8	10.6
	Av. 1941-45	38,042	9.7	84.3	85.7	6.8	6.8	8.9	7.5
	1944	31,227	7.9	80.3	82.0	8.6	9.2	11.1	8.9
	1945	34,137	8.5	74.5	78.7	12.1	11.1	13.4	10.2
	1946	46,073	11.2	73.7	77.4	12.2	11.3	14.1	11.4
Manitoba.....	Av. 1936-40	6,931	9.6	61.1	72.8	14.0	12.4	24.9	14.8
	Av. 1941-45	7,295	10.0	62.3	73.6	18.7	15.1	19.0	11.2
	1944	6,294	8.6	60.6	73.3	19.8	14.6	19.5	12.1
	1945	6,579	8.9	62.8	73.8	20.0	15.9	17.3	10.4
	1946	8,594	11.8	68.1	74.3	17.3	15.6	14.6	10.1
Saskatchewan.....	Av. 1936-40	6,599	7.2	56.6	75.4	16.8	11.3	26.5	13.2
	Av. 1941-45	6,541	7.6	66.5	81.2	15.3	9.0	18.2	9.7
	1944	5,919	7.0	67.4	82.2	14.6	8.5	18.0	9.3
	1945	6,369	7.5	70.5	82.8	14.6	8.7	14.9	8.4
	1946	8,279	9.9	74.9	84.0	13.0	7.9	12.2	8.0
Alberta.....	Av. 1936-40	7,192	9.2	44.2	60.4	21.9	19.4	33.9	20.2
	Av. 1941-45	7,977	10.0	48.1	62.7	24.4	20.8	27.5	16.5
	1944	7,299	8.9	45.7	61.6	24.4	21.1	29.9	17.2
	1945	7,310	8.8	49.9	63.9	23.7	20.3	26.4	15.8
	1946	9,478	11.8	56.7	66.3	22.5	19.4	20.8	14.3
British Columbia...	Av. 1936-40	7,053	9.1	34.8	43.1	31.8	34.6	33.4	22.3
	Av. 1941-45	9,535	10.7	32.3	41.2	40.2	40.3	27.5	18.5
	1944	8,434	9.0	29.9	40.3	41.5	41.2	28.6	18.4
	1945	9,262	9.8	30.3	40.2	43.2	42.0	26.5	17.9
	1946	11,762	11.7	34.5	40.2	41.0	43.6	24.5	16.2
Canada (Exclusive of the Territories)	Av. 1936-40	96,824	8.7	73.7	79.9	9.9	9.4	16.4	10.8
	Av. 1941-45	113,936	9.7	74.5	80.4	13.3	11.2	12.2	8.3
	1944	101,496	8.5	72.7	79.5	14.2	11.9	13.1	8.6
	1945	108,031	8.9	71.4	78.4	15.6	12.7	13.0	8.9
	1946	134,088	10.9	72.8	77.6	14.6	13.1	12.6	9.3

Age and Marital Status of Brides and Bridegrooms.—The distribution of brides and bridegrooms by age and marital status is shown in Table 36. Nearly 90 p.c. of marriages are between persons who have not previously been married. The average age at marriage of bachelors is about 27 years and that of spinsters between 24 and 25 years. The average age of widowers and widows at the time of re-marriage is more than 20 years higher than that of bachelors and spinsters, being 50.3 years in 1940-42 and 51.5 in 1946 for widowers and 46.4 and 43.1, respectively, for widows. The age distribution of widowers and widows at the time of re-marriage is, of course, very different from that of bachelors and spinsters.